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## Letter dated 29 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit a copy of the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia concerning the bombings of the territory of Georgia on 28 and 29 October 2001 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the letter dated 29 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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### Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

On 28 and 29 October 2001, the airspace of Georgia was again repeatedly violated from the territory of the Russian Federation by war planes which bombed the territory of Georgia from the air. It was purely by chance that the air raids did not cause any human casualties.

These incidents are the most flagrant of the series of acts of aggression recently perpetrated against Georgia from the territory of the Russian Federation.

The Georgian side has repeatedly called on the Russian Federation in forthright terms to provide explanations of the violations of the airspace of Georgia and of the air strikes against its territory which have taken on a systematic character, demanding a joint investigation in order to call the guilty parties to account.

Instead of explanations, what followed were the actions (aggressions) of 28 and 29 October. All this occurred against the background of repeated statements by the political leaders of the Russian Federation concerning their intention to improve mutual relations with the neighbouring State.

This is a matter of deep concern to the leadership of Georgia and to the entire Georgian nation since what is occurring is a gross violation of sovereignty and a threat to the independence of the country.

One matter of particular concern is the disregard of the need to reduce tension in the conflict area which is incumbent on the Russian Federation by virtue of its status not only as a facilitator but also as a permanent member of the Security Council responsible for world peace and security.

Georgia protests vigorously to the Russian side and, on the basis that the Russian side is ignoring its legitimate demands, appeals to the Security Council and to the entire world community to make a proper assessment of what is happening and to take the necessary steps in order to prevent aggression against Georgia.

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